

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-10 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the Amendments and Remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-10 were allowed; and claims 11-16, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Lyu et al.; and claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Lyu et al. in view of Broker.

Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the examiner for indicating claims 1-10 are allowed. In light of this indication and to place the application in condition for allowance, claims 11-19 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejections noted in the Office Action are moot and the pending claims are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

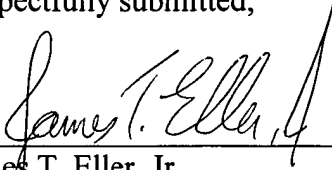
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone David A. Bilodeau, Registration No. 42,325 at (703) 205-8072, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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